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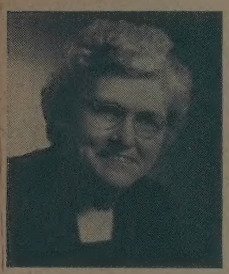
## Dear P.T.A. President:



Mrs. Newton P. Leonard

THIS MONTH at P.T.A. meetings throughout the nation candles will be lighted to celebrate the fifty-eighth birthday of our National Congress of Parents and Teachers. What a remarkable idea it was—that idea of creating a united power for children's good! For that is what our National Congress is, *a united power for children's welfare*. How fundamental and all-encompassing is its one concern—the child, who is the light and joy of life, the promise of the future, the tomorrow of mankind.

As a solitary individual, each of us is helpless to create the "happy, uplifting environment"—the total physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual environment—that will enable a child to become the best that it is in him to be. But how powerful we are as we march in the company of our nine million fellow members, who share our concern and our purpose!

### The Gift Our Founders Gave Us

No parent's voice, no teacher's voice, need be unheeded if he lifts it in unison with the voices of his fellow parents and teachers through the parent-teacher organization. It will be heard, and listened to, by school boards; by other citizens; by local, state, and national legislative bodies; by producers of magazines, motion pictures, radio and television programs. United, we are truly a *power* for children's welfare. This is the remarkable gift our Founders gave us on that February day fifty-eight years ago: the power to unite our actions to mold an America and a world fit for children.

Let us show our gratitude for that gift by extending it to others. The goodwill offering that our members make on Founders Day is used to extend and strengthen the parent-teacher movement. Since our founding we have grown enormously—from a membership of a few thousand to almost nine million. Every year since 1897 new local units have entered into membership with the state and National Congress until now we have almost forty thousand associations. But we cannot serve *all* children until we have a parent-teacher association in every school in the United States and until the parents and teachers of every school child are active, participating members of a P.T.A.

### The Gift We Share with Others

We need funds to organize new units, to give leadership training to their officers and chairmen, and to strengthen existing units through a variety of state and national services. The Founders Day gift, as you know, is used for these purposes. At your Founders Day meeting tell your members about the uses of the Founders Day gift. Let them know that their contribution will help us to strengthen our organization and bring into it the intelligence, the good will, the energies of the men and women who have not yet had the chance to join.

In these difficult days for public education every school desperately needs a P.T.A. Schools need good teachers, good buildings, good equipment. But they need more than this. They need courage, courage to reappraise their programs and courage to make needed changes. They need friends to support them, friends who will take the time and make the effort to understand what they are trying to do, offer constructive criticisms and suggestions, and interpret their purposes, needs, and problems to the public. The school that has a P.T.A. has such friends.

### LOOK, LISTEN—AND ACT!

- President Eisenhower, recognizing the acute classroom shortage, will deliver a special message to Congress on February 15 recommending affirmative action on school construction throughout the nation. Federal aid for school construction has been approved as a legislation policy of the National Congress by at least thirty state congresses and is therefore included in the national Legislation Program. (See the October issue of the "National Congress Bulletin," pages 9–12.)

  **Be alert BEFORE, ON, and AFTER President Eisenhower's message on school construction, scheduled for February 15, so that you and your members may take intelligent action regarding the federal legislation to be proposed.**

- Watch the news and radio and television broadcasts for complete information about this vitally important measure. Circle February 15 on your calendar now!

### How P.T.A. History Is Made

And P.T.A.'s that are serving their schools in this way are truly carrying out our Objects. Recently I was talking with four unit presidents, each from a different state, and I was delighted to learn that each unit was concerned with a problem related to its school. One unit had a committee that was working with school administrators and other citizens on a curriculum study, initiated because of complaints that the current school program did not meet the needs of many of the pupils. Another unit was promoting a school bond issue, using every possible means of developing public opinion in its favor—a corps of P.T.A. speakers, personal contacts, press releases, radio and TV programs. Teacher recruitment was a project of the third unit. The fourth unit was concerned

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## Will You Be at Our Dedication Convention in May?

with the fact that the school was operating on a double shift, a morning and an afternoon session. This P.T.A. was seeking to integrate the efforts of parents and community agencies to provide constructive activities for the children's overabundant leisure time.

You will notice that all these projects —curriculum, school finance, teacher recruitment, recreation, and community cooperation—are parts of our Action Program. Each local unit had studied its school community, selected the most pressing problem, and gone to work on it. That is how parent-teacher history —the history of achievement that we pause to recount on Founders Day—is made.

**Ushering In American Education Year**

It has been suggested that 1955 be called American Education Year so that the importance of education may be emphasized for all fifty-two weeks, not just during American Education Week in November. This emphasis will not be difficult for P.T.A.'s, since they work in and for the schools all year and every year.

An additional and special responsibility of local units this year is to study and disseminate information on the White House Conference on Education, which will be held from November 28 to December 1, 1955. Every state has been asked to hold a state conference in preparation for the national one. Have you asked your members what they consider the major problems of public education in your community and your state? If your state has already held its conference, has your unit discussed the conference findings? Are you watching your state parent-teacher bulletin carefully for information on what your unit might be requested to do in connection with the conference?

And now just a reminder of our own national convention, so that you will have time to make your plans to attend. The date is May 23–25; the place, Chicago. Will you be with us? I hope so.

Cordially yours,

Lucille P. Leonard

MRS. NEWTON P. LEONARD, *President*
*National Congress of Parents and Teachers*

**Convention Headquarters**

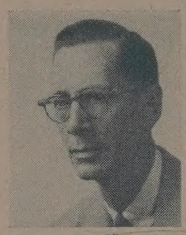
The Hotel Sherman in Chicago will serve as convention headquarters. For information about hotel reservations, see page 5. General sessions will be held in the Civic Opera House.

## NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL OFFICES

Mrs. L. W. Alston

Mrs. Rollin Brown

Mrs. James C. Parker



James H. Snowden

● At our national convention in Chicago next May four national officers will be elected. The following list of nominees has been presented by the nominating committee of the National Congress:

***National president,* Mrs. Rollin Brown, Los Angeles, California**

***First vice-president,* Mrs. James C. Parker, Grand Rapids, Michigan**

***Secretary,* Mrs. L. W. Alston, Hattiesburg, Mississippi**

***Treasurer,* James H. Snowden, Wilmington, Delaware**

Each of these persons has accepted the nomination, and each is well qualified to serve the Congress in a post of great responsibility.

Members of the nominating committee are Mrs. T. J. Mims, South Carolina, chairman; Mrs. A. O. Haislip, Alabama; Raymond F. Hawk, Washington; Mrs. John E. Hayes, Idaho; and John W. Headley, South Dakota.

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## BROTHERHOOD WEEK

**February 20-27**

BROTHERHOOD WEEK has become a familiar part of our February calendar since it was first modestly observed in 1934. Sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the event will be celebrated this year from February 20 to 27 in more than 10,000 communities. The 1955 theme is "One Nation Under God."

What are the purposes of Brotherhood Week? To quote Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference, they are "to give people an opportunity to rededicate themselves as individuals to the ideals of respect for people and human rights. We try to dramatize the practical things that people can do to promote an understanding and realization of those ideals. Brotherhood Week is essentially a campaign against the prejudices and bigotries that disfigure and distort religious, business, social, and political relations."

The National Conference of Christians and Jews was founded in 1928 "to promote justice, amity, understanding and cooperation among Protestants, Catholics, and Jews." P.T.A.'s interested in sponsoring special programs during Brotherhood Week may contact the local office of the National Conference for additional information and suggestions.

## Program Reminders for FOUNDERS DAY

**February 17**

● Looking for an original idea? Why not present a "Who Said That?" panel, featuring "Words of Wisdom" from the January *Bulletin*—passages from the writings of our national presidents? Ask panelists to identify each selection, and see how well they score.

● In search of a short Founders Day feature? See "Points for Action" in the 1955 Founders Day pamphlet, mailed to local presidents last fall. You'll find many other last-minute suggestions there too.

*Founders Day Gifts.*—Please send your Founders Day gift directly to your state congress treasurer or state office. Do not send it to the National Office.

# P. T. A. BULLETIN BOARD

Brief Items of Current Interest

- **SCHOLARSHIPS were awarded to 134 students** by the Oregon Congress last year; previous recipients have all chosen teaching careers, and 75 per cent of them have completed their training after winning the scholarships.
- **BETTER READING HABITS are being fostered** by the Virginia Congress by means of a state-wide reading contest among sixth-graders; contestants are to be quizzed on the contents of five books about their state, including fiction and nonfiction.
- **HEADQUARTERS KEY RINGS were presented** as gifts to 23 teachers by a Riverside (Ill.) P.T.A.; small Congress seals were used to decorate the key ring boxes.
- **SIX HUNDRED parents and teachers** of the Heidelberg (Germany) P.T.A. (total membership, 898) gathered in November to hear once again the story of Thanksgiving; much of it was told in the German language.
- **A PAST PRESIDENT and life member** of the National Congress, Mrs. William Kletzer, was named Oregon's Mother of the Year in 1954.
- **THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY** of the Pierson School P.T.A. (Flint, Mich.) was observed by 200 persons, among them Mrs. Lewis Clark, the first secretary of the group.
- **A DRAMATIZATION OF P.T.A. aims and ideals** and the duties of various chairmen was presented by Franklin P.T.A., Lakewood, Ohio. The entire board participated in this program at the start of the school year.
- **AN ALL-MAN BOARD,** twenty men as chairmen of committees, and the wives of the chairmen as committee co-chairmen are to be found in Barnard P.T.A., Tulsa, Okla.
- **THE NEW CONGRESS UNIT at Bridport, Vt.,** is off to a good start and expects to make progress because 99 parents, teachers, and other citizens signed up as charter members.
- **BICYCLE DRIVERS' LICENSES are required** before children are permitted to ride to school, under the new safety program of a P.T.A. unit in Downey Council, 33rd District, California; to qualify, students have to pass a written quiz and a riding test.
- **A CARNIVAL AND "TRACTOR RODEO"** is a P.T.A.-sponsored event that provides fun and competitive games for the residents of Geneseo, Iowa. It is held in the school yard, and admission is free.
- **ONE HUNDRED PER CENT family representation** was secured during enrollment month by the Brandon (Miss.) P.T.A.
- **TROUBLED JUNIOR AND SENIOR high school students** in Lincoln, Neb., are referred to a counsellor who heads the school-work program that provides outside employment and trained guidance for young people who cannot adjust adequately to the regular study program.
- **A PICTURE LIBRARY of illustrations** is to be mounted and organized by the mothers of Silver Springs (Md.) Intermediate School P.T.A. so that teachers can use it as a visual aid in their classroom work.
- **TO HELP THE SCHOOL anticipate its future needs,** the Euclid Park P.T.A. (Cleveland, Ohio) conducted a census of all two-, three-, and four-year-old children living within the school district.
- **THREE NEIGHBORING North Dakota P.T.A.'s** (Tower City, Oriska, and Alice) exchanged programs by holding joint meetings at which one of the visiting units presented the program for the other two groups.
- **AT AN ART SESSION for members** of Asbury P.T.A. (Denver County, Colo.), sixth-graders taught their parents what they had learned about water-color painting and clay modeling; the 200 participants each left school with lasting remembrances of a constructive evening's fun.
- **"WHAT'S THE ANSWER?"**—a 26-week series of TV programs sponsored jointly by the New Jersey Congress and the New Jersey Education Association—can be viewed weekly over eight TV channels throughout the state.
- **A COURSE FOR BABY SITTERS,** conducted by Fernwood (Ill.) P.T.A., teaches seventh- and eighth-graders how to hold, feed, and diaper the baby; how to entertain small children; first aid and what to do in an emergency; and what to expect in pay, privileges, and responsibilities.

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• Cincinnati's City Manager C. H. Harrell explains planned street improvements on a scale model to P.T.A. members who visited the city hall as part of the citizenship program of the Cincinnati Council of P.T.A.'s.

## P.T.A. BULLETIN BOARD (continued)

- **CONCERN FOR SKIERS' SAFETY** has prompted many Washington P.T.A.'s to co-sponsor programs providing top-notch instructors to teach controlled skiing to novices, advanced skiers, and racers.
- **A MUSICAL SHOW** put on by 60 talented parents and teachers has helped Canton (Conn.) P.T.A. grow from 100 to 280 members within a year. The show attracts 800 viewers two nights in a row and provides excellent publicity for the P.T.A.
- **"WALKING ON THE GREEN" FOR SAFETY** is becoming a habit among Stillwater (Okla.) grade school students. The city's Kiwanians purchased materials and contributed their labor to paint all school crosswalks green, on the suggestion of the P.T.A., following the example set by Michigan City, Ind.
- **THE THREE P.T.A.'s of Bend, Ore.,** have no difficulty in interesting the men in P.T.A. work. All three have men presidents and man-and-wife teams as committee co-chairmen; all meetings are in the evening; and for years the monthly meeting date has not varied.
- **"SAFETY BY THE BLOCK"** is a neighborhood program in which East Detroit (Mich.) P.T.A.'s participate with many other organizations, groups, and agencies. One person in each block is responsible for conveying safety messages by poster or leaflet throughout the 1,000-block area covered by the program.
- **SEVEN VOLUNTEER LEADERS,** headed by the general supervisor of Martinsville (Va.) schools, will conduct neighborhood study meetings to discuss problems of mutual interest. In preparation, the volunteers took a course in group leadership under the training director of a local industry.
- **EVERYONE'S UP-TO-DATE** on P.T.A. thinking and voting on motions in the Stonewall Jackson P.T.A., Danville, Va., thanks to its two meetings monthly. One is a large evening session with the president in the chair, the other a morning gathering, led by the vice-president the next day, for people busy the evening before.
- **STUDENTS' WORK** in the Tiger Safety Council of El Paso High School (Texas) is supported by the P.T.A., which pays for safety ads in the school paper. The council has published a map of the school area, charting bus stops, one-way streets, faculty and student parking areas and has publicized new safety rules worked out with the city engineer and police department.
- **AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION** to the national headquarters fund is a regular item in the budget of Lexington (Okla.) P.T.A., which has added a small gift yearly after meeting its quarter-per-member quota in 1950.
- **A SERIES OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER ARTICLES** outlining Objects, policies, and activities of the P.T.A. has been used effectively by the Hazleton (Pa.) Council of P.T.A.'s to educate both the membership and the community.
- **CITIZENS' VISITS TO TRAFFIC COURT SESSIONS** —as spectators, not violators—are the main feature of a project co-sponsored by the Traffic Law Enforcement Committee of the Minnesota Bar Association and the safety council, chamber of commerce, and Minnesota Congress of Parents and Teachers.

### *PUT YOUR P.T.A. ON OUR BULLETIN BOARD!*

What interesting idea, project, program, or activity has your P.T.A. been working on? Tell us about it in, say, 100 words —more or less. We'll extract the "capsule comment" from your longer description. Is there a camera fan in your association? If so, you might include a glossy photo illustrating your news item. Address your contribution as follows:

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- **FOUR CLASSROOM UNITS** are nearing completion because the new Pinewood P.T.A. of Casper, Wyo., invited the school superintendent and board members to hear a convincing panel discussion on "Action for Better Schools."
- **MINNESOTA BRAILLE AND SIGHT-SAVING P.T.A.** so absorbed one guest at the state convention Fathers' Breakfast that he forgot to eat; he was the St. Paul newspaperman who wanted the full story of this unique Faribault unit.
- **"DRIVING CAN BE FUN"** was the theme for a women drivers' clinic co-sponsored by the Washington Auto Club, the Seattle-King County Safety Council, and Washington P.T.A.'s. The course consisted of talks, film showings, testing demonstrations, and quizzes, and stressed driver etiquette and women's role in reducing traffic safety.
- **PARENTS REDEEM POSTER-SIZED PORTRAITS** of themselves on P.T.A. visiting night at Fort Sill (Okla.) Post Children's School. The drawings are the work of their children; the price is ten cents; and parents will be proud to frame them.
- **WIDER USE OF VISITING TEACHERS** is being urged by the state board of the New Jersey Congress, which has expressed its concern over the considerable lack of public understanding of the nature of these services.
- **THE FIRST WOMAN, the first nonprofessional member,** and the first public representative ever to be appointed to the California board of health is Mrs. P. D. Bevil, past president of the state congress.
- **THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL Parents' Class** in children's literature, co-sponsored by California's 28th District P.T.A.'s and the Oakland Public Library, held six fall sessions to guide mothers in selecting and using better reading materials for their children.

### HEADQUARTERS KEY RING

• Illustrated at left is the headquarters souvenir key ring, featuring a bronze medallion with the seal of the National Congress engraved on one side and a picture of our new building at 700 North Rush Street on the other. A small ball chain for keys is attached.

Key rings, priced at 75 cents each, may be purchased from your state congress office or from the National Office. Ten cents from the sale of each will go into the national headquarters fund.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERS of South Korea, in rebuilding the school system of their war-shattered country, have received much material aid from the American Junior Red Cross. This assistance was financed by voluntary contributions from American school children to the ARC Children's Fund.

The latest shipment was 1,000 "school assistance" units, which contain simple tools for the repair of school buildings and furnishings, first aid and health articles, educational and sewing materials, and recreational supplies.

"Since the start of World War II," said Livingston L. Blair, national director, "members of the American Junior Red Cross have made available to boys and girls who were innocent victims of war, occupation, and disaster overseas, voluntary gifts in kind and in money, totaling twelve million dollars."

The organization, now more than 19 million strong, got its start 37 years ago when parents, educators, and other national leaders conceived the idea that the youth power of students should be harnessed to help our nation and its allies in World War I. President Woodrow Wilson issued the letter establishing the Junior Red Cross, in which he said: "It will teach you how to save in order that suffering children elsewhere may have the chance to live. . . . Best of all, you will learn, by doing these kind things under your teacher's direction, to be the future good citizen of this great country which we all love."

# Our "Dedication Convention"

## May 23–25, 1955

PARENT-TEACHER MEMBERS are certain to remember 1955 as the year of the "dedication convention." On the evening of May 23 the official new home of the National Congress will be dedicated, thus fulfilling a dream that began eight years ago. Convention sessions, to be held in Chicago's famous Civic Opera House, have been scheduled so that all attending will have an opportunity to visit national headquarters. The building that P.T.A. members constructed will soon open its doors to delegates from fifty state congresses and unorganized territory.

Because of the significance of this "dedication convention," attendance is expected to reach a new high. We suggest that you make your hotel reservations early to assure getting the accommodations you wish.

Headquarters for the convention will be the Hotel Sherman, in the heart of Chicago's Loop. It is equipped to house the convention delegation. Rates there are as follows:

**Single rooms—$6.45-$12.95**

**Double rooms (with double bed)—$9.45-$16.95**

**Double rooms (with twin beds)—$12.45-$17.95**

**Suites—$20.95-$57.40**

Delegates who wish to stay at the headquarters hotel should write to their state congress office for an official application form, fill it in completely, and return it to the Hotel Sherman. They will receive confirmation of their reservations directly from the hotel.

Chicago's central location makes it easy to reach by plane, train, bus, or car. For those planning side trips, the Great Lakes region offers fascinating sites to visit. Within the city, there is ample opportunity for sightseeing and shopping.

Watch coming issues of the *National Congress Bulletin* for a preview of the convention program.

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• A block away from national headquarters, Chicago's famed Michigan Avenue offers a striking contrast of old and new in the city's history. To the left is the Water Tower, one of the few public buildings to survive the Chicago Fire of 1871. In the background, right, is the Palmolive Building, whose beacon can be seen nightly by pilots 500 miles away. Delegates to our 1955 convention will recognize this neighborhood when they visit national headquarters next spring. The dedication will take place on May 23.

# IT'S YOUR NATIONAL P.T.A. MAGAZINE

## That's Being Talked About!

HERE ARE SOME OF THE UNSOLICITED COMMENTS RECEIVED DAILY

**A Personal Note of Appreciation**

"May I add to this business message a personal note of appreciation for your excellent publication? Although my psychological practice is now relegated to a very nonprofessional relation with my two-year-old twins, I am an M.A. in psychology and feel I can highly praise your magazine on both the professional and parental levels." —*C.G., Texas*

**I Left My Schedule for the Day**

"Congratulations! especially on the October issue for American Education Week. When I received it and glanced through, I left my schedule for the day until I had read the articles. You certainly deserve recognition for presenting this issue to us." —*Mrs. H.D.W., D. C.*

**New Subscriber**

"I am a new subscriber to your magazine and just recently received the first issue. Congratulations to you for putting out such a splendid publication, so full of practical material!"

—*Mrs. L.B.H., Calif.*

**Worthy of Study and Thought**

"I think that the September issue of the 'National Parent-Teacher' is excellent. Every article in it is worthy of study and thought. I couldn't help thinking that if half of the more than eight million members of the P.T.A. were reading and applying it in creative projects that this world would have to be an improvement over the old. Such alkaline or positive thinking and the consequent application of those thoughts just naturally produce good results. I am glad to see the new series of articles by Mrs. Overstreet. I have enjoyed the others so much; she brings out the basic truths so well." —*Mrs. J.P., Ariz.*

**Anyone Who Can Write Such Inspiring Articles**

"Please relay my message of appreciation to the author of 'The Inner Resource,' Bonaro W. Overstreet. I am sure that anyone who can write such inspiring articles must be a wonderful person. I am a mother, a P.T.A. worker, and a person who has had quite a battle with emotional conflicts; and this series of messages has helped me a great deal. I am sure that others have benefited by reading them. Please give us more of these fine things in your 'National Parent-Teacher.' "

—*Mrs. B.A.H., Tenn.*

**Of Great Service**

"May I congratulate you on the quality of the articles that appear in the parent-teacher magazine. You really have an outstanding publication that is of great service to parents and teachers."

—*K.S., D. C.*

**There Is One Magazine**

"There is one magazine I wouldn't be without, and that is the 'National Parent-Teacher.' There is not a parent in the world who couldn't be a better parent if he made even partial use of the contents of this fine magazine, and I appreciate having it in my home."

—*Mrs. P.C., Calif.*

**Amazing in Their Appeal**

"I love Mrs. Overstreet's articles. They're amazing in their appeal, human insight, and their ability to inspire lethargic souls like mine to renewed effort and enthusiasm. Thank you for making this material available to us."

—*Mrs. W.T.A., Colo.*

**I Hope I Never Have To Be Without It Again**

"I am enclosing $1.25 for my 'National Parent-Teacher Magazine.' I have only been getting it for the past year, but I hope I never have to be without it again. I think it is the best magazine that I have ever read. When they asked me to subscribe to it at a P.T.A. meeting one afternoon, I thought I would be helping out the lady who was selling the subscriptions, but when my first issue came, I found out that I was the one who would benefit from it. I have two children in school and I want to give them the best in life. I think your magazine will help me to understand them much better." —*Mrs. R.H.B., La.*

**To the Town Fathers**

"Our town—one of some 6,000 population—is like many others so far as overcrowding in the schools is concerned. We are hoping to do something about it this year. The fact that the 'National Parent-Teacher' will be in many homes (not enough, but better than last year) should be a very real help to the town fathers."

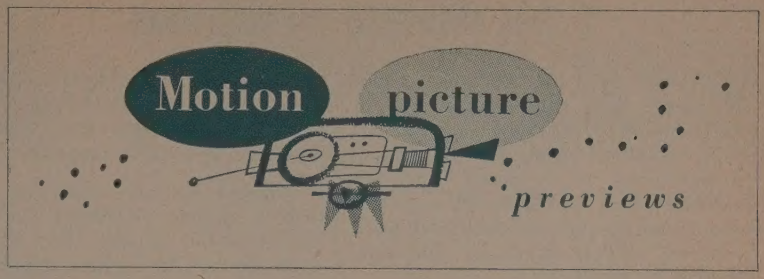
—*Mrs. R.J.P., Mo.*

**• "The 'National Parent-Teacher' covers th state!" was the motto at the Minnesota Congre convention last fall. Mrs. Newton P. Leonar joins state magazine chairman Mrs. Ab Krovitz in displaying this original poster-map Minnesota. "Every one of the 1,845 delegat went home knowing that the P.T.A. has a ma azine," says Mrs. Krovitz, "and they'll tell th other members about it this year."**

**Up to Date on Education**

"I just want to drop you a word to say I sincerely believe there's a deep and great need for your excellent 'National Parent-Teacher' Magazine. I'm a teacher and find many useful sources of information in it. You're as up to date as possible on just about every phase of education. All in all I look forward to the mail delivery each month. You have a permanent subscriber here!"

*—H.G.O., New York*




**Training for School Teaching**

"I have a daughter in college, training for school teaching. I also have a daughter in first grade, and I am glad I shall have twenty-four years of P.T.A. work. I am getting so much out of my P.T.A. magazine. Thank you for making it such a good magazine."

*—Mrs. P.E.A., N. C.*

**Parent and Teacher**

"As both parent and teacher, I must express to you my enthusiasm for your excellent magazine. I think it is 'tops,' and I enjoy every article—from the splendid articles of Bonaro Overstreet to the movie 'tips.' The quality is superb; the price is low—and I think you're doing a wonderful job!"

*—Mrs. R.F.K., Ohio*

**Reviews of Such Interest**

"It's truly exhilarating to find reviews of such interest to me in your already stimulating magazine. More, please!"

*—Mrs. G.F.A., Ill.*

**Important Issues of Living**

"Thank you for the 'National Parent-Teacher Magazine.' I subscribed to it originally to help our P.T.A. magazine chairman and was astonished and thrilled to discover its worth. Your articles deal so importantly with the important issues of living—with conscience, spiritual resources, and the application of great principles in human relations. The depth and thoughtfulness of your contributors is greatly appreciated."

*—Mrs. H.B.H., Calif.*

**The Value Is Almost Unprecedented**

"Although I am not a member of your organization the value I extract from your magazine is almost unprecedented. Inasmuch as my college work requires much from your publication I deem it a necessity to have the magazine at my immediate disposal."

*—H.K., Ariz.*

**Constructive Rules and Advice**

"I have been showing the January issue about the neighborhood and talking over some of the articles with other mothers. I find I am not alone in concern about the problems of peace in the world or about how to warn children to beware of strangers without making them suspicious and afraid. 'Safeguarding Children Against Molesters' is an immediate problem on our block, and I suspect in many other areas. This article not only gives rules and advice that are constructive for children, but it also sets the problem in a light that makes it possible for even mothers to teach these rules of safety without scaring ourselves or our children."

*—Mrs. C.B.S., Ill.*

**100-or-More Club Member**

"This makes the third year our P.T.A. has been a member of the 100-or-More Club. We are very proud of this fact, not merely for the sake of numbers, but because our people are reading and recognizing what a wonderful publication this magazine really is."

*—Mrs. L.C., Ark.*

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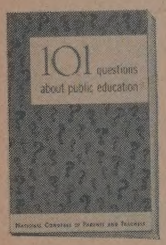


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### On the Edge of the Bering Sea

A heart-warming message recently reached the National Office from Kwinhagak, Alaska. "This little village of 225 people is here on the edge of the Bering Sea. It's the back door of the world, where the trails just run out and stop," writes David W. Ray. He and other villagers are now in the process of organizing a Congress unit.

The school in Kwinhagak has two teachers and a student body of 63. "The ages enrolled run from six years to eighty," says Mr. Ray. "One old man, eighty, and his wife, sixty-five, are learning to speak English; last Thanksgiving he entered a speaking contest." Mr. Ray feels confident of the success of their P.T.A.; as he says, "A fine people live here, goodhearted, friendly, very cooperative, and loyal to the school."

(Mr. Ray forwarded his subscription to the *National Parent-Teacher* along with these remarks —an indication that Kwinhagak P.T.A. is off to a good start.)

### Tulsa Takes Action

The Tulsa (Oklahoma) Council recently launched a vigorous campaign against traffic hazards to local school children. Members asked the metropolitan area planning commission for a plan to combat accidents caused by reckless driving near schools. Children living in the country, the council stressed, need the same protection as those within the city limits; heavily traveled highways close to school buildings present the same menace as crowded city streets. Therefore the council urged that a uniform traffic safety program be formulated.

Another outstanding project of the council was the preparation of a tax table, which was distributed to every unit in the city and made available to all school patrons. This table showed how much of a proposed bond issue (to be voted upon in the November election) would be devoted to the school system, the civic auditorium, an expressway, and airport expansion. It also explained to school patrons how much individual taxes would be increased per $1,000 assessed valuation. The effect of this table was to promote a clearer understanding of school needs and costs.

Turning their attention to another problem, the council asked the planning commission to prohibit taverns from operating within 1,000 feet of any school. P.T.A. members at a junior high school initiated the request when they learned that a tavern was to be included in a new shopping center only a half block away. The council then took action by sending a delegation to the commission. The council's activities give proof of keen interest in everything that concerns child welfare.